REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claims 24 and 25 have been amended. Support for the amend is found in Figures 8 and 9 where the flange is shown to have at least one region for allowing vapor to reach the wound or inoculation site. It is noted that the paper of February 7, 2006 indicated that this embodiment is not supported by the specification. However, Figures 8 and 9 show that elements 44 and 46 for example raise the flange from the wound site and allow for venting elements to be placed on the flange. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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